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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

CUSTOMER NO. 89411

Patent No:

5,542,662

Application No.: 08/355,707

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Title:

SPORTS BALL AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

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Group Art Unit:

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Examiner:

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REQUEST FOR REFUND PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.26

Mail Stop Petition Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

To Whom It May Concern:

For the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully request a refund in the amount of \$2755.00.

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RELEVANT FACTS AND PROOF

Applicants request the refund of a total amount \$2755.00.

On June 22, 2011, Fincham Downs, LLC, filed a petition on behalf of the assignee to accept an unavoidably delayed maintenance fee for U.S. Patent No. 5,542,662. As required, we also submitted the delayed maintenance fee (\$2055.00) with the required post-expiration surcharge fee (\$700.00).

The petition was dismissed in the Decision mailed on August 30, 2011, and was not renewed. Accordingly, both the maintenance fee and the post-expiration surcharge are refundable.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request a refund in the amount of \$2755.00.

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Conclusion

No fees are believed to be due for this Request. Under MPEP § 607.02, Applicants are entitled to a refund in the amount of \$2755.00 for the filing of the maintenance fee and surcharge on June 22, 2011. Please credit the refunded amount to the <u>credit card account</u> to which the fees were paid.

Respectfully submitted,

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